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Promptness Prize 1979S - Susan B. Anthony \$1.00

Grand Prize 1945 - 2 1/2 Pesos, Gold Coin

1921S - Morgan Silver Dollar

Series 1957 - 1 Dollar Silver Certificate

Helper Club - G/F \$1.00 Helper, UT

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Cottonwood Dairy - G/F 1 qt. milk

Gaisford Bar - G/F 1 drink or cigar Fillmore, UT

The Club - G/F 5¢ Park City, UT

Panama Pool Hall - G/F 5¢ Magna, UT

Heber Merc. Co. - G/F 10¢ Heber, UT

St. Benedict Hospital - Radio Token Ogden, UT

Chinese Coin

WAGONMASTER'S REPORT

by Karen Secor

NUTS outing to Clear Creek - April 19, 1997

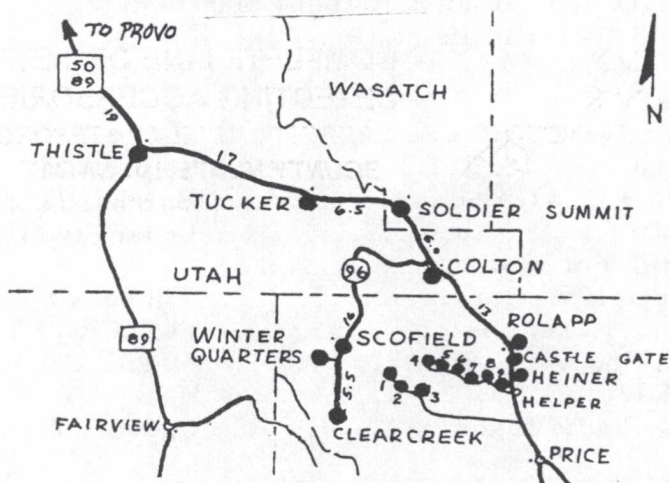
Clear Creek was originally a logging camp set up to supply timbers to the rapidly developing coal mines around Scofield. The camp was occupied for about twenty years before someone dug a hole deep enough to find a rich vein of coal directly under their settlement. The railroad reached Clear Creek in 1898. As many as 200 men worked in the mine. There was a store, hospital, schoolhouse, and two hotels, one for the Finlanders, and one for the Mormons.

After a disastrous mine explosion at Winter Quarters in 1900, many of the survivors moved to live and work at Clear Creek. (You may want to visit the cemetery at Scofield. Most of the graves are dated 1900. It is a sobering experience.)

Coal production was cut back in the 1930's, and the mines closed completely in the mid-1950's. Many of the buildings are used now for summer resorts.

NUTS outings are very informal gatherings, starting sometime in the morning, or perhaps the afternoon before, and ending at dusk Saturday evening, or perhaps Sunday evening if you wish. Whenever you see someone with a detector or a screen, say hello, and ask what they've found, and where might be another good spot to check out.

Clear Creek is located 5½ miles up the canyon from Scofield on State Highway 96. To get there, take Highway 6 east from Spanish Fork, go over Soldier Summit, then turn back west onto Highway 96. There are camping areas at Scofield Reservoir. I have been warned not to go to Clear Creek without a good supply of mosquito repellent.



Map reprinted from The Historical Guide to Utah Ghost Towns by Stephen L. Carr, Third Edition 1995



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Turpela

First off (before I forget), I would like to thank Eric again for speaking to the Club last month. We are grateful that Eric took the time to share his expertise with us.

However, be prepared at the upcoming meeting for another excellent speaker, Gary Weick. I met Gary a few years ago at a TWAS meeting in Kaysville. Gary has previously authored a book on cashing in on tokens. However, Gary no longer has any copies of this book for sale, so if you are interested in reading Gary's book you will have to find it elsewhere.

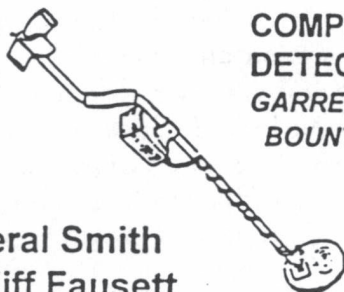
Gary has once again put pen to paper and is working on a new book called "Utah Basin History". Gary will sharing some of this history with us this month. As an additional bonus, Gary has found an old rifle in the area while metal detecting and will be showing it during his talk. So be there or be square! Ha-ha!

I am sure that with the weather being so good that most of you will have some neat stuff for the Find of the Month. I have not been out hunting too much. I have had more important things to deal with. Luckily, these things have now been taken care of, so maybe I can get back to normal with a little more sun and fun.

Don't forget to order your club metals at this meeting, no later! So if you want one, don't forget your money. They are \$13.00 for silver and \$4.00 each of the copper and bronze.

I hope to see you all at the meeting. As always, take care and find a bunch. Just enjoy.

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From the Co-Editor's Desk:



RELIC CLEANING TIPS By Robert Winkle

I have found that the literature is usually replete with information on cleaning coins including a variety of methods, such as abrasives, ultrasonic cleaning, chemical cleaning, electrolytic reduction, tumbling, and the like. However, what is usually lacking is information on cleaning non-coin metal items, such as items made of brass, iron, etc.

The following is a compilation of general tips for cleaning various types of metals that I have found in various places. However, since each relic item is different, I cannot guarantee that you will not wind up with a pile of metal dust by using any of the techniques discussed below. Therefore, I cannot stress this point enough:

NEVER, NEVER, NEVER clean anything which you believe may be valuable. Leave that cleaning to a professional!

Gold and Platinum	Identification:	Gold - White to bright yellow Platinum - grayish white (similar to silver, but does not tarnish)
	Possible corrosion:	None (both are very chemically stable)
	Cleaning:	Generally, only needs to be washed or soaked in dish soap and brushed with a soft bristled tooth brush.
Silver	Identification:	Metal white
	Possible corrosion:	Tarnish - light gray to dark gray dulling. (Caution!! -Tarnish on silver is sometimes considered desirable by collectors, so do not remove the tarnish on such items!)
	Cleaning:	Generally, only needs to be washed or soaked in dish soap and brushed with a soft bristled tooth brush. If you wish to remove the tarnish, commercially available tarnish removers, such as Tarn-X®, will successfully achieve this.
Brass/Bronze	Identification:	Bright yellow/gold (bronze is slightly duller looking than brass)
	Possible corrosion:	Patina - red, green, and/or brownish discoloration (Caution!! - As with tarnish on silver, patina is sometimes considered desirable by collectors, so do not remove the patina on such items!)

	Cleaning:	Encrusted material can be removed with a brass bristled brush. Wash the item, preferably with distilled water. Dry thoroughly. If you wish to preserve the patina, coat the item with a cellulose based laquer. If you wish to remove the patina, commercially available tarnish removers will achieve this.
Iron	Identification:	Dull gray - usually covered with red rust when found.
	Possible corrosion:	Rust - the formation of iron oxide on the surface of the item.
	Cleaning:	Coat the item with a commercially available rust remover, such as Naval Jelly® (follow the instruction with the remover, or use a wire rust removing wheel on a grinder. Stop after heavy rust is removed (do not remove the rust to bare metal). Lightly sand the item with a fine grit sandpaper until you achieve a dull polished. Prevent future rust by coating the item with a clear acrylic or polyurethane coat of paint.
Lead/Pewter	Identification:	Both grayish and very heavy.
	Possible corrosion:	Light oxidation.
	Cleaning:	Remove encrusted material with wood or plastic tools. Soak in warm soapy water (pewter only). Brush with soft bristled toothbrush (pewter only). Wash item with distilled water and lightly coat with a paraffin wax.

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In designing the N.U.T.S. Medal to commemorate the Utah Pioneer Sesquicentennial, the starting point was the obvious design of Brigham Young, and wagon trains and handcarts. However, in looking at a number of other designs prepared by other institutions issuing medals to commemorate the Pioneer Sesquicentennial, it was noted that every design seemed to involve Brigham Young, and wagon trains and handcarts. Therefore, it was decided to change the design to make a medal that would be truly unique for 1997. Using the \$20 1849 Mormon gold coin for inspiration, a design was developed that uses early Mormon symbols to represent the admirable attributes of the 1847 pioneers. Although this is a somewhat radical departure from prior Club Medals, it is hoped that it will stand out from the crowd of other pioneer memorabilia. It is also hoped that collectors will recognize the connection between this medal, the early Mormon symbols (both the all-seeing eye and the handshake can be found on the outside of the Salt Lake Temple) and Mormon coinage. The representation below is the final design version of the medal.

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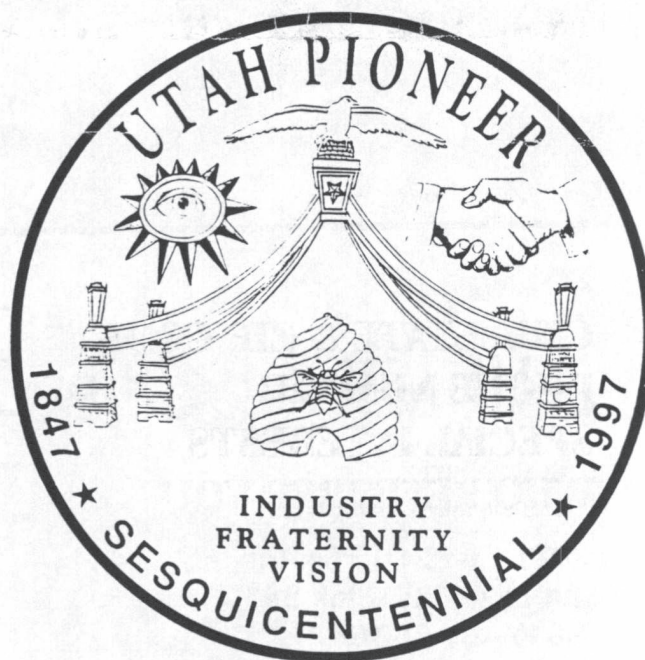
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Announcement

UNS (Utah Numismatic Society) would like to have two people from our organization demonstrate metal detecting at their July 16, 1997 meeting. It would be optimal if at least one of the demonstrators could bring a sampling of the coins and relics which they have found for display.

If anyone is interested in being a demonstrator, please speak with Bill Turpela.

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